

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Money is desperately needed to help defend Josh. In the unfortunate outcome of a prison sentence, Josh will need funds for everyday necessities and to maintain

a vegan life-style. Donations are tax deductible and should be earmarked for Josh Harper Support Fund. Please help Josh in his struggle!

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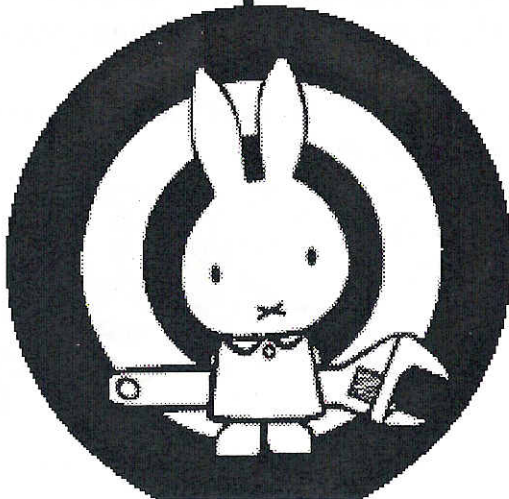
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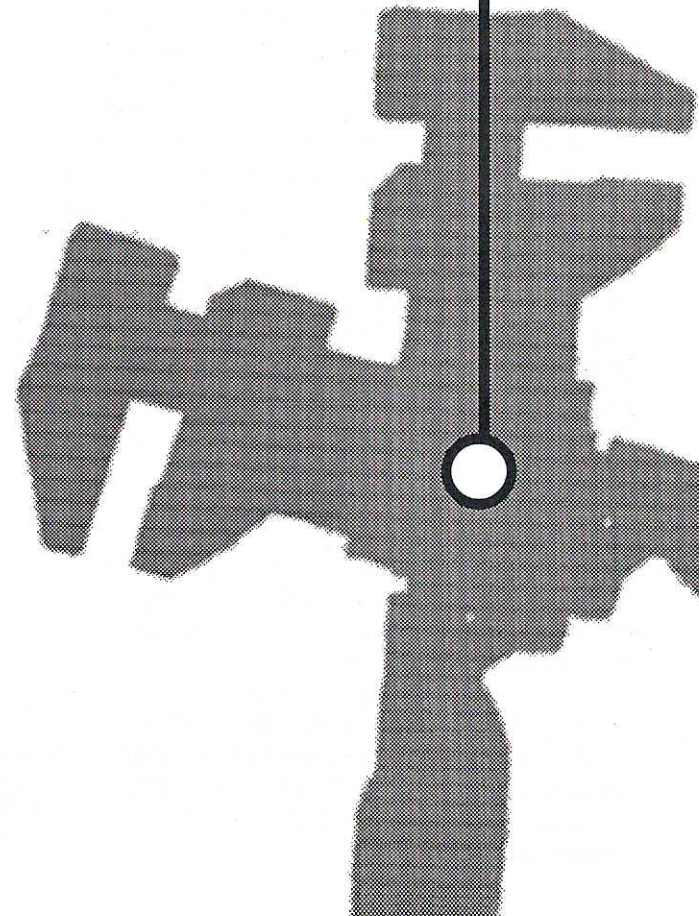
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resistance to the portland grand jury.

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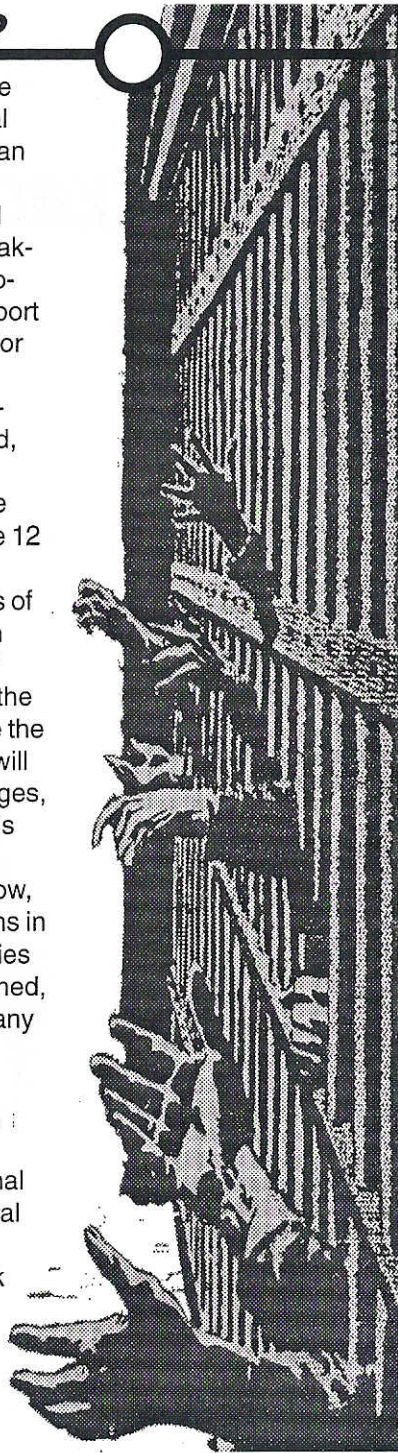
## WHO IS JOSH HARPER?

Josh Harper is an activist hailing from the Pacific Northwest who has spoken out for several years on behalf of animals, wilderness, and human freedom. Most recently he has co-produced two videos, *Breaking Free* volume 1 and 2, organized against the WTO, completed an East Coast speaking tour and participated in the controversial sabotage of a whale hunt. His activism and vocal support for militant tactics has made him a prime target for government harassment.

In late April of 2000, Harper was subpoenaed by federal agents to a grand jury in Portland, OR. This federal inquisition is investigating three years of effective direct actions committed by the Animal and Earth Liberation Fronts, including the 12 million dollar arson at the Vail ski lodge.

Citing his belief that individual freedom is of more importance than any government institution and his unwillingness to speak about the lives of fellow activists, Harper released a statement to the media explaining that he refused to testify before the grand jury. It read in part, "My life is my own... I will not allow my actions to be dictated to me by judges, attorneys, and their lackeys with guns." When his appearance date came, federal toadie Stephen Piefer was upset to find that Harper was a no show, and his quest to find those responsible for millions in damages to earth raping, animal abusing industries had again been stifled. The other activist questioned, Craig Rosebraugh, had also refused to give him any information.

Four months passed, and one day after speaking before a group of high school students, Harper was surrounded by federal agents and arrested. He is now out on bail, and facing criminal contempt charges which could send him to federal prison for several months, or even years. Now is the time to support Harper and others who speak out in defense of direct action. More importantly, it is time to show those in power that we will not be intimidated! Let us take back our lives, our freedom, and our world with DIRECT ACTION!



## WHAT ARE GRAND JURIES?

Grand juries are being used as a tool of political repression to frighten activists, create mistrust, drive people out of the movement, and cause others to inform on friends out of fear. Grand Juries are a modern day form of Inquisition. But instead of scape-goating innocent people as "witches" and heretics, they target peaceful activists as "terrorists." Together we can defeat this form of government harassment!

Consider the real history of grand juries in this country. They have been used to: Capture escaped slaves in the 1850s, but never to hunt down those who terrorized African-Americans.

In 1977, FBI agents spread the rumor that political activists supporting the independence of Puerto Rico were responsible for a rash of arson fires -this after a grand jury failed to indict them.

In the 1960s, thousands of antiwar, and women's movement activists were subpoenaed to appear before grand juries in all parts of the country and were questioned about friends, relatives and political activities.

Between 1980 and 1983, several dozen people were jailed for contempt arising out of investigations in the Puerto Rican, Black and Native American Movements. Hundreds of activists have been harassed with federal grand jury subpoenas since 1990. Further, it appears a new tactic is to subpoena activists' family-mothers, fathers, siblings - in an attempt to further harass those who are involved in a political movement.

*Grand Juries mean:*

- \* **Witnesses have no right to an attorney.**
- \* **Witnesses have no right to remain silent.**
- \* **There is no real immunity from prosecution even if the government says it has given immunity.**
- \* **Those refusing to talk can be jailed up to 18 months without trial.**
- \* **Federal prosecutors can do anything they want.**

